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1. FOLLOWING ARE BIOS OF DE CAROLIS AND STERPA AS PROMISED
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2. MASSIMO DE CAROLIS (DC)-

MASSIMO DE CAROLIS, ONE OF ITALY'S HIGHEST VOTE-GETTERS
IN THE JUNE 1976 ELECTIONS, WAS BORN IN MILAN ON AUGUST
15, 1940. HE IS A LAWYER BY PROFESSION AND HAS BEEN A
MEMBER OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY SINCE 1960. HE HAS
RISEN RAPIDLY. AFTER HAVING WORKED FOR THE YOUTH SECTION
OF THE PARTY, HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND, IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES, WAS DC
CITY VICE SECRETARY FOR THREE YEARS. IN 1973 HE WAS
APPOINTED TO THE DC NATIONAL COUNCIL, AN OFFICE WHICH HE
STILL RETAINS.

IN 1970 DE CAROLIS WAS ELECTED MILAN CITY COUNCILMAN
AND ALSO BECAME DC CITY GROUP LEADER. ON JUNE 20,
1976, HE WAS ELECTED DEPUTY IN THE MILAN-PAVIA CON-
STITUENCY WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PREFERENTIAL VOTES
RECORDED IN THIS CONSTITUENCY (OVER 150,000) IN YEARS.

DE CAROLIS IS WELL KNOWN IN MILAN FOR HIS POLEMICS
AGAINST MOVIMENTO STUDENTESCO, THE LEFTIST STUDENT
ORGANIZATION WHICH LED THE STUDENT 1968 REVOLTS IN

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ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES.

IN 1970, DE CAROLIS JOINED MAGGIORANZA SILENZIOSA, AN ASSOCIATION OF THE EXTREME RIGHT, FROM WHICH HE SOON, HOWEVER, DETACHED HIMSELF. IT WAS ALLEGEDLY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PARTICIPATION IN THIS MOVEMENT, NEVERTHELESS, THAT HE WAS ATTACKED IN HIS OFFICE IN 1975 BY THE RED BRIGADES (BRIGATE ROSSE), WHO SHOT HIM IN THE LEGS. HE RECOVERED FROM HIS WOUNDS, HOWEVER, AND NOW WALKS ALMOST NORMALLY. NOTWITHSTANDING HIS ASSAILANTS PARTING THREATS TO CHANGE HIS POLITICS OR SUFFER WORSE CONSEQUENCES THE NEXT TIME, DE CAROLIS HAS CONTINUED TO SPEAK HIS MIND.

DE CAROLIS IS AN UNAPOLOGETIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MIDDLE CLASSES. TO A CRITIC OF THAT POSITION HE ONCE RETORTED THAT IT LAY HAS SEEN IN FASCISM WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE RIGHTS AND NEEDS OF THE MIDDLE CLASS ARE NOT PROPERLY ATTENDED TO.

DE CAROLIS IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS VERY LITTLE ENGLISH.

3. DR. EGIDIO STERPA-CITY EDITOR, "IL GIORNALE NUOVO" (MILAN DAILY)-

STERPA WAS BORN IN VEJANO (VITERBO) IN 1926 AND HAS LIVED IN MILAN FOR MANY YEARS. AFTER GRADUATING IN LAW FROM UNIVERSITY OF ROME, HE BECAME JOURNALIST. HE WAS MANAGING EDITOR OF IL GIORNO D' ITALIA AND IL TEMPO (BOTH IN ROME) AND IN 1961 WAS APPOINTED EDITOR IN CHIEF OF CORRIERE LOMBARDO, BECOMING YOUNGEST EDITOR IN MILAN. HE HAS ALSO BEEN SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF CORRIERE DELLA SERA, POSITION WHICH ENABLED HIM TO TRAVEL WIDELY. AT PRESENT STERPA IS CITY EDITOR OF IL GIORNALE.

STERPA HAS WRITTEN BOOKS ON SOCIO-POLITICAL SUBJECTS, AMONG THEM I PAPI INVISIBILI (THE INVISIBLE POPES), LA RABBIA DEL SUD (THE RAGE OF THE SOUTH), ITALIA DA RIFARE (ITALY TO REDO), L'AVVENTURA DEL GIORNALE (THE ADVENTURE OF THE NEWSPAPER), AND BATTIBECCO TRA LE DUE ITALIE (BICKERING BETWEEN THE TWO ITALIES).

STERPA IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. ONE DAUGHTER LIVES IN THE U.S., WHERE STERPA HAS OFTEN VISITED. WRIGHT

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